

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method for driving a plasma display panel is provided in which abrupt variation in brightness of additional images is eliminated; thereby ensuring that quality of display is enhanced, the additional images being displayed adjacently to a picture for aspect ratio conversion. The method includes the step of replacing one frame with first sub-frames for lighting only an area other than a part of a screen and a second sub-frame for lighting only a section of the screen other than the area when the area is used to display a picture having an aspect ratio different from that of the screen, and controlling luminance in the first sub-frames and luminance in the second sub-frame independently of each other.